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NNNNVV SDX 100W KF962  
PP RUFHRB  
DE RUAOFBA #1272 2571701  
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN  
P 131605Z SEP 76  
FM FBIS OKINAWA JAPAN  
TO RHMBRA/CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI  
RUDOMKA/FBIS LONDON ENGLAND  
RUDOMLA/FBIS CAVERSHAM/DW  
RUHQHQA/CINCPAC HONOLULU HI  
RUHVAAA/CINCPACAF  
UMJQB/AMEMB BANGKOK THAILAND  
UTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC  
AYWYJ/JIO CANBERRA  
HAIBQA/USAGO MAKIMINATO JAPAN  
HMIAAA/13AF (IN) CLARK AB PHILIPPINES  
UADKEA/18TH TFW OKINAWA JAPAN  
UADKEA/313TH AD/CVD OKINAWA JAPAN  
UAOAH/376TH STRAT WG/DCI  
UCIMAA/COMAC  
UCLAKA/CDR 4TH PSYOP GROUP FT BRAGG NC  
UCSAAE/SAC INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS CENTER OFFUTT AFB NEB  
UEACMC/CMC (INTC)  
UEACMC/CMC (MSPA-1)  
UEADWD/CSA (DAAG-CAD)  
UEADWD/CSA (DAMI-DOO-HP)  
UEBARA/NAVINTCOM  
UEBARA/NAVINTCOM (NIC-00K)  
UEFHQA/CSAF (AFIN)  
UEHC/STATE WASHDC (D/PW)  
UEHC/SEC STATE WASHDC  
UEKJCS/DIA (DI-6A4)  
UENAAA/CNO (PERS-OG)  
UEOIA/NFOIO FT MEADE  
UHGCAA/COMSEVENTHFLT  
UHGOSA/CTG 79.1  
UHGPPA/CTF-77  
UHGPPA/CTF 76  
UHSAA/CTG 72.5  
UHOFA/3AD/OI/ANDERSEN AFB GUAM  
UHQHQA/COMIPAC HONOLULU HI  
UHQHQA/CG FMFPAC  
UMJFS/AMEMB VIENTIANE  
UMJHK/FBIS HONG KONG  
UMJQB/CHIEF DOD SPEC REP. BKK THAI  
UMMFBA/FBIS BANGKOK  
UMMJNA/USASTICFEO YOKOTA AB JAPAN  
UMMJNA/USFJ J-2 YOKOTA AIR BASE JAPAN  
UMMJNA/COMAFFIVE/FIWA/YOKOTA AIR BASE JAPAN  
UMMWIA/CTG 72.3  
UMRABA/CG THIRD MARDIV CAMP BUTLER JAPAN  
UMRADA/CG THIRD MAF CAMP BUTLER JAPAN  
WTMAB/AFMPC RANDOLPH AFB TX/DPMSCB (CASUALTY DIVISION)  
FHRB/AMCONSUL ZURICH

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HANOI VNA ENGLISH 131518 XXX REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

((TEXT)) NOTE OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT TO THE

DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND HAS THE HONOR TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THE LETTER OF APRIL 10 FROM MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS NGUYEN DUY TRINH TO SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER.

THE DEPARTMENT REAFFIRMS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AT AN EARLY DATE. IN DOING SO, IT WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT TALKS ON THE BASIS OF THE SELECTIVE APPLICATION OF PAST AGREEMENTS, WHICH APPEARS TO BE THE OBJECTIVE OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, WOULD NOT BE FRUITFUL AND WOULD ONLY LEAD TO STERILE DEBATE RATHER THAN CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION.

THE UNITED STATES BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO DISCUSS ISSUES AFFECTING FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE HUMANITARIAN CONCERN OF A FULL ACCOUNTING FOR OUR MISSING MEN WILL BE ONE OF THE PRIMARY ISSUES OF THE UNITED STATES IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS. UNTIL THIS ISSUE IS SUBSTANTIALLY RESOLVED, THERE CAN BE NO REAL PROGRESS TOWARDS NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

AT THE SAME TIME THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WILL BE FREE TO RAISE ANY ISSUE OF CONCERN TO IT. THE UNITED STATES INVITES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO INDICATE WHETHER IT CONSIDERS A MEETING TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING ISSUES USEFUL.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
WASHINGTON, MAY 8, 1976

NOTE OF THE DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY TO THE

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

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THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE DRV HAS RECEIVED THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S NOTE DATED MAY 8, 1976.

SINCE THE COMPLETE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE DRV HAS ON REPEATED OCCASIONS MADE CLEAR ITS VIEWS ON THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM. THE UNILATERAL U.S. DENUNCIATION OF THE AGREEMENT IS AIMED AT EVADING THE PLEDGES IT HAS SOLEMNLY UNDERTAKEN IN SIGNING THE AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY UNDER ARTICLE 21 THEREOF WHICH PROVIDES FOR A U.S. OBLIGATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND TO POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION IN VIETNAM AND INDOCHINA WITHOUT SETTING ANY POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE UNITED STATES DEMANDS THAT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 8 (B) OF THE AGREEMENT AS A CONDITION FOR A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. OBVIOUSLY, IT WANTS TO RENEGE ON ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM WHILE DEMANDING THAT THE OTHER SIDE IMPLEMENT ANOTHER ARTICLE OF THE SAME. THIS COMPLETELY RUNS COUNTER TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICES.

FOR ITS PART, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS EXPRESSED ITS WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS WITH THE UNITED STATES A SETTLEMENT OF POSTWAR ISSUES THAT CONCERN VIETNAM AND THE UNITED STATES SUCH AS THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION IN THE TWO ZONES OF VIETNAM, THE SEARCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICAN MISSING IN THE WAR, THE EXHUMATION AND REPATRIATION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DEAD AMERICANS. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS MADE AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EFFORTS TO RELIEVE THE ANXIETY OF THOSE AMERICAN FAMILIES WHOSE RELATIVES HAVE DIED OR ARE STILL CONSIDERED MISSING IN VIETNAM.

ONCE AGAIN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AFFIRMS ITS ATTITUDE OF SERIOUSNESS AND GOOD WILL. IT HOLDS THAT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD RESOLVE THE ISSUES OF INTEREST OF EACH OF THEM, THUS CREATING FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AS AN INITIAL STEP, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM REPRESENTATIVE IS PREPARED TO MEET WITH THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. IF IT REALLY WANTS EARLY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DRV GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ITSELF SHOULD ADOPT AN ATTITUDE OF SERIOUSNESS AND GOOD WILL.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION.

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